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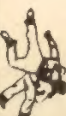
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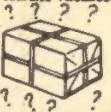


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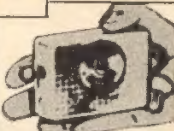
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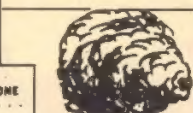
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THE WAR AGAINST THE MOON BEAST



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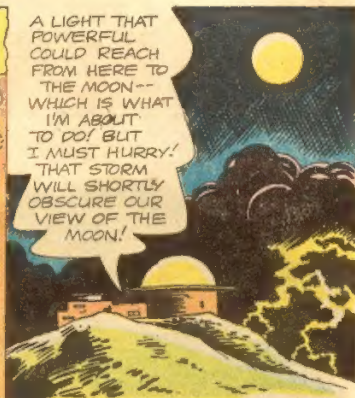
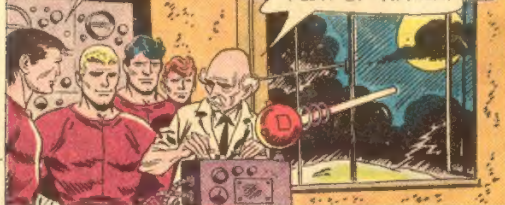
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AT COLER OBSERVATORY, DR. LLOYD WARNER, ADDRESSES A FORMER STUDENT, PROF. HALEY, AND HIS FELLOW CHALLENGERS...

SO THAT'S YOUR LASER 'GUN', SIR-- SUPPOSED TO CREATE THE MOST POWERFUL LIGHT BEAM EVER PRODUCED?

YES-- CONCENTRATED LIGHT! IT GAINS ITS POWER THE WAY A GARDEN HOSE DOES WHEN YOU INCREASE THE PRESSURE OF THE FLOW OF WATER!

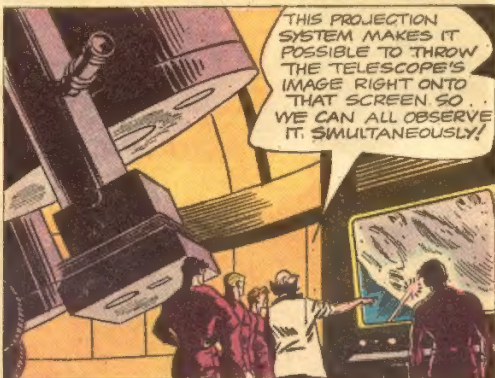
A LIGHT THAT POWERFUL COULD REACH FROM HERE TO THE MOON-- WHICH IS WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO! BUT I MUST HURRY! THAT STORM WILL SHORTLY OBSCURE OUR VIEW OF THE MOON!



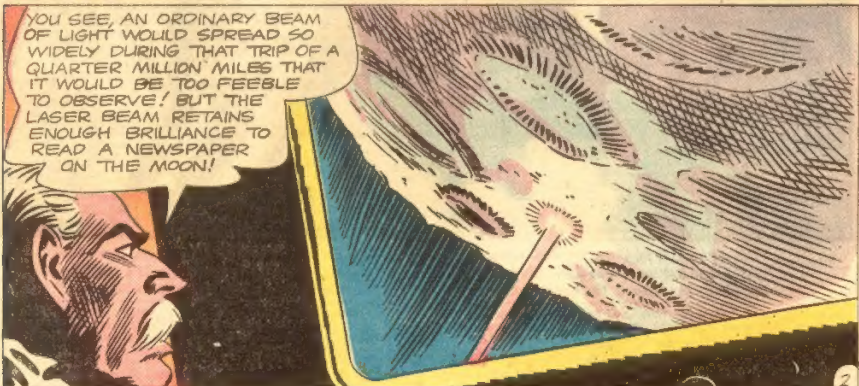
NOW I ACTIVATE THE LASER! THAT RED COLOR YOU SEE IS CAUSED BY THE ROD OF MAN-MADE RUBY! LET'S GO UP TO THE OBSERVATION ROOM AND SEE WHAT THE TELESCOPE CAN SHOW US!

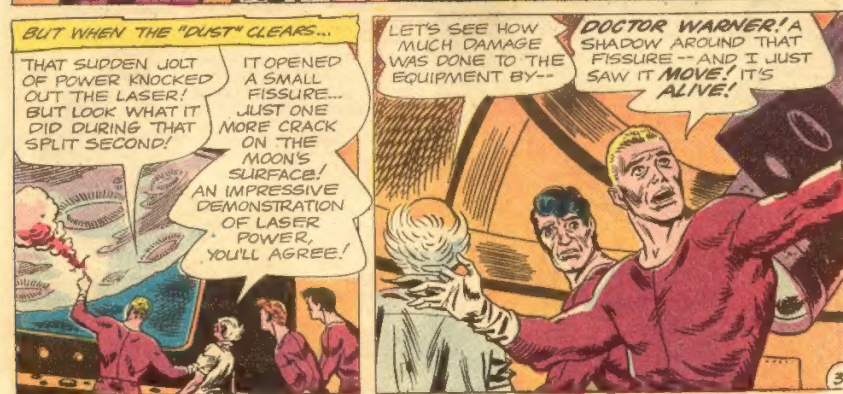
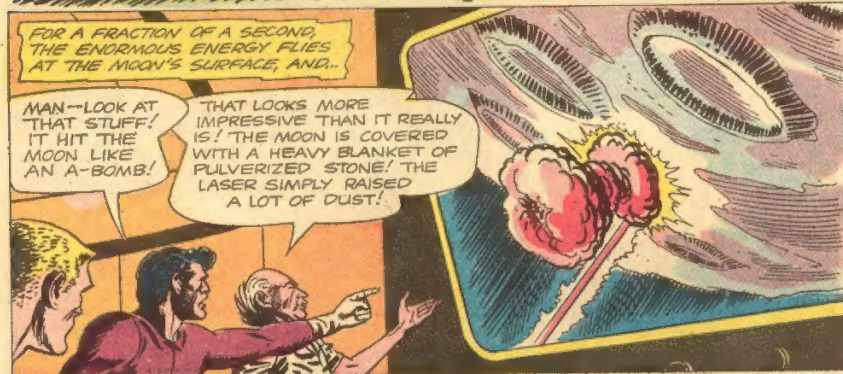
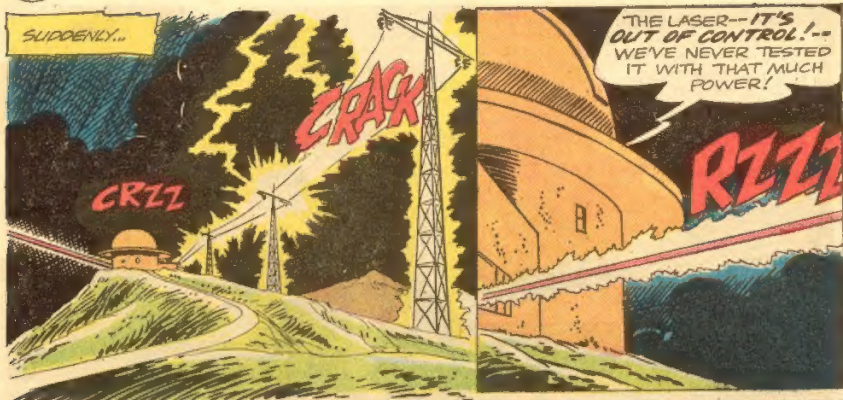


THIS PROJECTION SYSTEM MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO THROW THE TELESCOPE'S IMAGE RIGHT ONTO THAT SCREEN SO WE CAN ALL OBSERVE IT SIMULTANEOUSLY!



YOU SEE, AN ORDINARY BEAM OF LIGHT WOULD SPREAD SO WIDELY DURING THAT TRIP OF A QUARTER MILLION MILES THAT IT WOULD BE TOO FEEBLE TO OBSERVE! BUT THE LASER BEAM RETAINS ENOUGH BRILLIANCE TO READ A NEWSPAPER ON THE MOON!





NONSENSE, ACE!
NOTHING'S ALIVE THERE!
IF INTELLIGENT LIFE
HAD REACHED THE
MOON FROM ANOTHER
WORLD, IT WOULD HAVE
CONTACTED US! AND
CERTAINLY NO
BEAST COULD
BE THERE!

RRRWR

KAWOOSH

"TO REACH IT FROM
SPACE, A BEAST
WOULD NEED SOME
NATURAL JET SYSTEM-WHICH
COULD HARDLY EXIST! ALSO, TO
WITHSTAND THE HEAT AND
COLD, IT WOULD REQUIRE A
HIDE LIKE AN OUTER SPACE
MISSILE! IT'S QUITE
IMPOSSIBLE!"

BUT LATER, AT A U.S. BASE...

UNBELIEVABLE AS IT MAY
SEEM, YOU **DID** RELEASE
SOME FORM OF LIFE FROM
THE MOON'S INTERIOR! BUT
WE HAVE DISPATCHED A
NUCLEAR-ARMED MISSILE
TO DESTROY IT! THE
WHITE BLIPS INDICATE
THE MISSILE!

LUCKILY, AN
A-BOMB CAN
BE EXPLODED
WITHOUT
CONTAMINATING
EARTH!

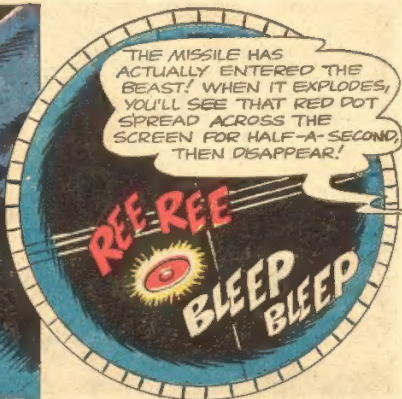
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BLEEP
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THE WHITE BLIP IS HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE RED! IT'S RIGHT ON TOP OF IT NOW! IT'S MAKING CONTACT!



THE MISSILE HAS ACTUALLY ENTERED THE BEAST! WHEN IT EXPLODES, YOU'LL SEE THAT RED DOT SPREAD ACROSS THE SCREEN FOR HALF-A-SECOND, THEN DISAPPEAR!

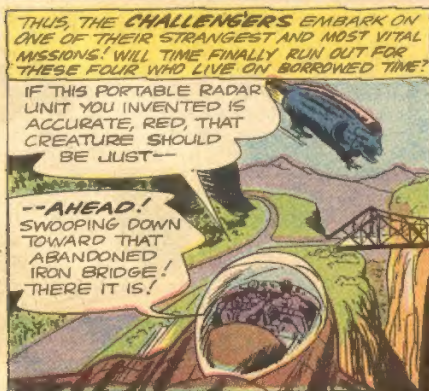


GREAT SCOTT! THE **WHITE** DOT DISAPPEARED! THAT BEAST CONTAINED AN EXPLODING A-BOMB WITHOUT BEING DESTROYED! GENTLEMEN, THAT THING IS ALMOST BEYOND DESTRUCTION!



WE'VE GOT TO TRY SOMETHING! I'LL HAVE FIGHTER PLANES DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY! AND I'LL CONTACT FOREIGN NATIONS! THIS IS A MENACE TO THE WORLD!

WE'LL JOIN THE HUNT, TOO! WE'VE ALSO GOT A STAKE IN KEEPING THE WORLD ALIVE!



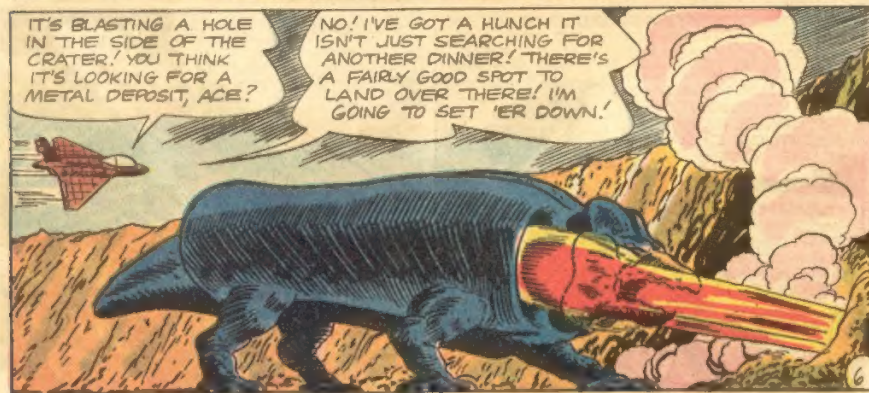
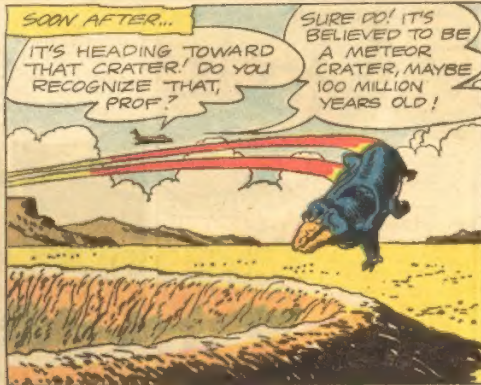
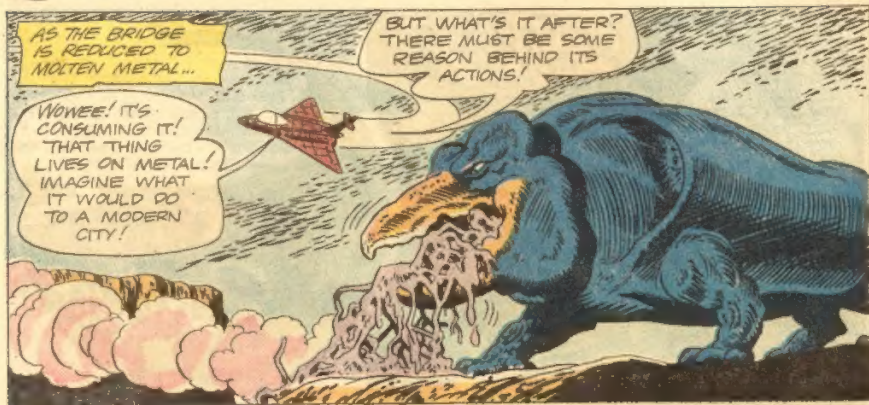
THIS, THE **CHALLENGERS** EMBARK ON ONE OF THEIR STRANGEST AND MOST VITAL MISSIONS! WILL TIME FINALLY RUN OUT FOR THESE FOUR WHO LIVE ON BORROWED TIME?

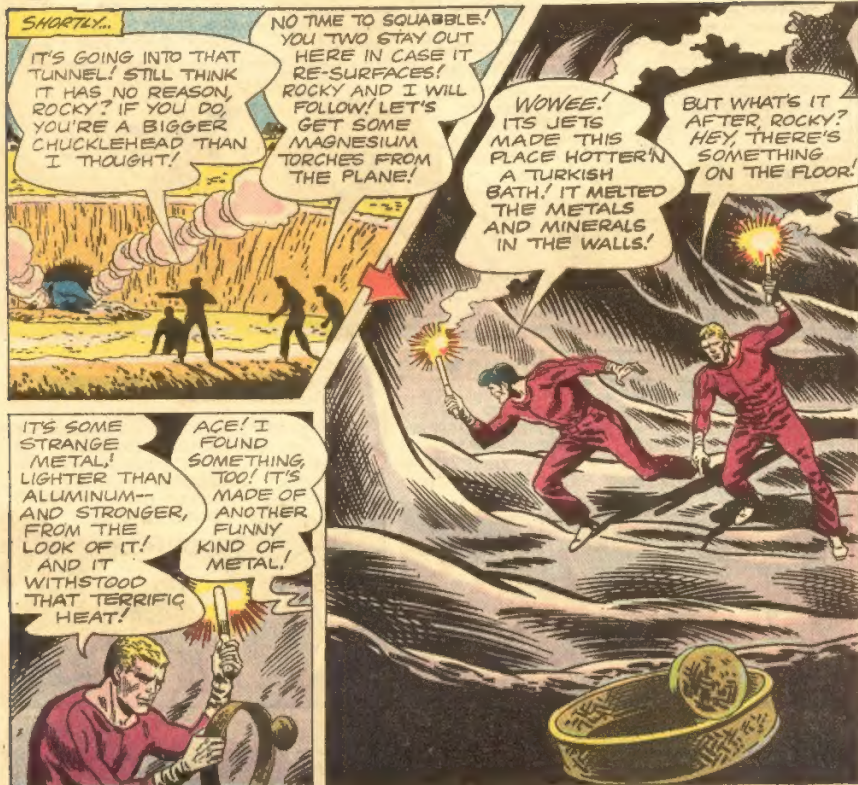
IF THIS PORTABLE RADAR UNIT YOU INVENTED IS ACCURATE, RED, THAT CREATURE SHOULD BE JUST--

--AHEAD! SWOOPING DOWN TOWARD THAT ABANDONED IRON BRIDGE! THERE IT IS!



GOOD GRIEF! LOOK AT ITS SIZE! AND IT'S ENVELOPED THE BRIDGE IN FLAMES!







CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN



MEANWHILE, PROF AND RED HAVE MADE ANOTHER AMAZING FIND...

THE FOOTPRINTS OF A GIANT BEING-- EXPOSED BY THE BEAST'S BLAST THAT BLEW AWAY LAYERS OF EARTH!

IF THAT THING IS **ALIVE** DOWN THERE, ACE AND ROCKY ARE IN DOUBLE TROUBLE! WE'VE GOT TO GO IN AFTER THEM!

BUT JUST THEN...

'HURRY... Y-Y-YOU GUYS! 'PUFF-PUFF,' GIVE ME A HAND WITH HIM!



QUICKLY, ACE RELATES WHAT HAPPENED...

YOU'RE RIGHT, ACE! THIS THING WASN'T MADE ON EARTH! BUT WHAT'S IT FOR? IT LOOKS BIG ENOUGH TO BE AN ELEPHANT'S LEG BAND!

WAIT A MINUTE! IT COULD BE A HEADBAND FOR THE GIANT THAT LEFT THAT FOOT-PRINT! GIVE IT TO ME!

NO SOONER DOES PROF PRESS THE DISC AREA OF THE BAND TO HIS FOREHEAD THAN...

WHAT'S UP? YOU'RE WOBBLING-- AND LOOK SICK!

N-N-NO! I'M OKAY! GOT A FUNNY SENSATION WHEN I TOUCHED IT TO MY HEAD, BUT-- HEY! IT'S **UNBELIEVABLE!** IT'S SENDING IMAGES RIGHT TO MY BRAIN!



"IT--IT'S A KIND OF SHIP'S LOG! IT TELLS HOW THIS BEAST CAME TO THEIR PLANET FROM OUTER SPACE, WREAKING FANTASTIC DESTRUCTION!"

WE'RE DOOMED! NONE OF OUR WEAPONS CAN STOP IT!

NO! I THINK WE CAN--WITH A NEW ANESTHETIC I JUST PERFECTED!



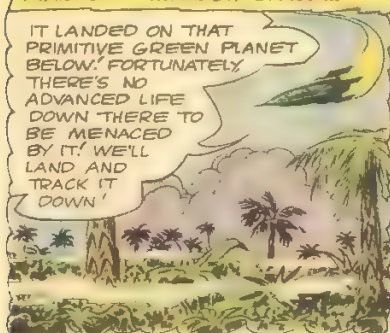


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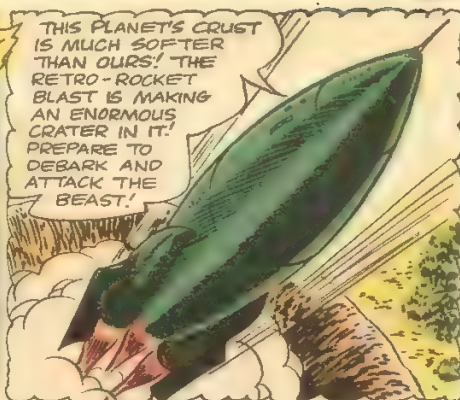


"BUT BEFORE THEY COULD PUT IT TO USE, THE MONSTER ESCAPED! THEY TRAILED IT THROUGH SPACE..."

IT LANDED ON THAT PRIMITIVE GREEN PLANET BELOW! FORTUNATELY, THERE'S NO ADVANCED LIFE DOWN THERE TO BE MENACED BY IT! WE'LL LAND AND TRACK IT DOWN!



THIS PLANET'S CRUST IS MUCH SOFTER THAN OURS! THE RETRO-ROCKET BLAST IS MAKING AN ENORMOUS CRATER IN IT! PREPARE TO DEBARK AND ATTACK THE BEAST!



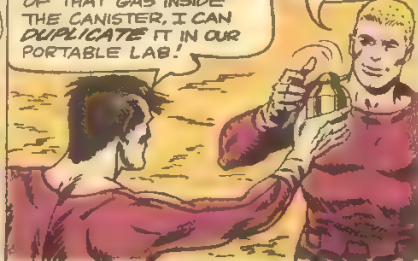
THAT'S ALL IT SHOWS! THE RECORDING ENDS THERE! HEY-- ROCKY'S COMING TO!

I'VE BEEN AWAKE, LISTENING TO YOU, AND EVEN I CAN TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT! THEY KNOCKED OUT THAT KOOK-KILLER WITH THE GAS I SNIFFED, THEN BURIED IT ON THE MOON!



EXACTLY! THE LASER BEAM UNCOVERED AND AWAKENED THE BEAST AFTER 100 MILLION YEARS! SAY IF THERE ARE TRACES OF THAT GAS INSIDE THE CANISTER, I CAN DUPLICATE IT IN OUR PORTABLE LAB!

YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED ON THE PLANE! GO TO IT, PROF!



NOT LONG AFTER PROF HURRIES OFF...

HEY-- THERE IT IS AGAIN!

IT BLASTED OUT OF ANOTHER POINT BELOW THE CRATER!



I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE! THAT THING CAME HERE LOOKING FOR THE GUYS WHO LOCKED IT UP AND THREW AWAY THE KEY! AND IT PROBABLY THINKS WE'RE THEM!

HOLD IT! DON'T RUN-- LIGHT YOUR TORCH!



AT ACE'S URGENT COMMAND, THEY LIGHT THE MAGNESIUM TORCHES, AND...

THE FANTASTIC BEAST HURTTLES FORWARD, ABRUPTLY STOPS...

THIS IS KOOKIE! HOW CAN WE STOP A CREATURE LIKE THIS WHEN IT WASN'T EVEN DENTED BY AN A-BOMB?

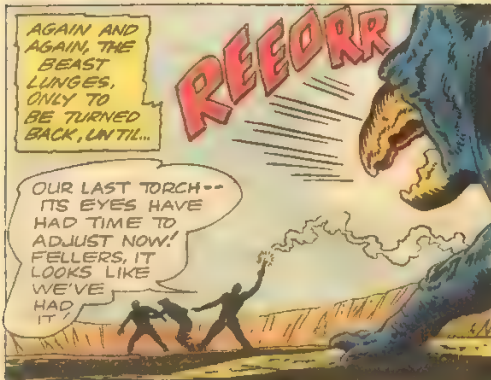
YOU'LL SEE--I HOPE! BRACE YOURSELVES! HERE IT COMES!



ARROWRR

IT WORKED! DADDY-O! BUT HOW COME?

AFTER 100 MILLION YEARS OF DARKNESS BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE MOON, ITS EYES STILL CAN'T ADJUST TO EXTREME LIGHT! BUT WE'RE IN A JAM--THESE FLARES CAN'T HOLD OUT FOREVER!



AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE BEAST LUNGES, ONLY TO BE TURNED BACK, UNTIL...

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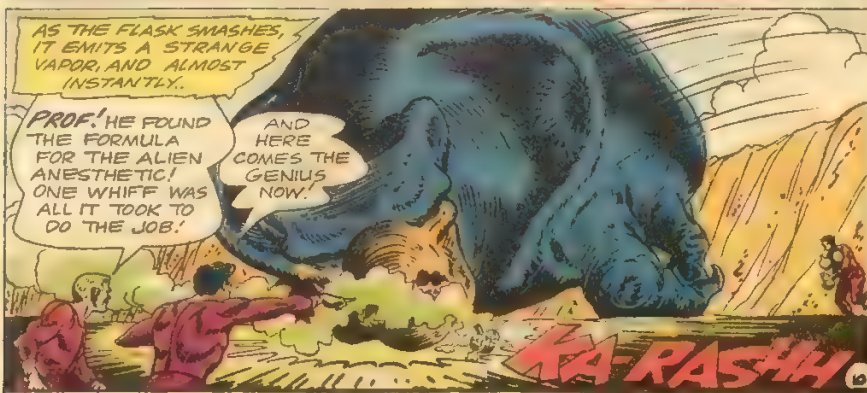
OUR LAST TORCH-- ITS EYES HAVE HAD TIME TO ADJUST NOW! FELLERS, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HAD IT



IT--IT'S SPUTTERING OUT! HEY! WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

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AS THE FLASK SMASHES, IT EMITS A STRANGE VAPOR, AND ALMOST INSTANTLY...

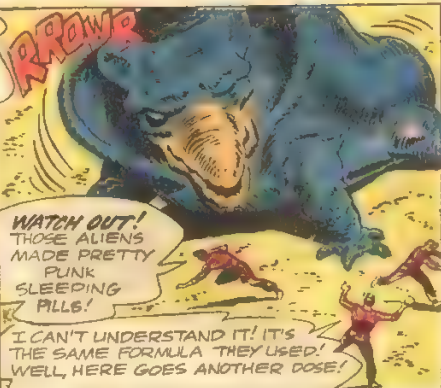
PROF! HE FOUND THE FORMULA FOR THE ALIEN ANESTHETIC! ONE WHIFF WAS ALL IT TOOK TO DO THE JOB!

AND HERE COMES THE GENIUS NOW.

KA-RASHH

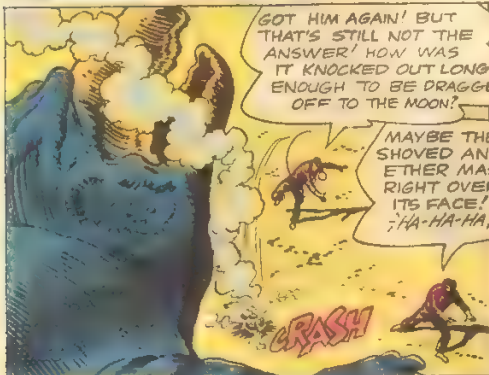
IMAGINE--A
CHEMICAL
FROM 100
MILLION YEARS
AGO SAVED
OUR NECKS!

I'VE GOT THREE MORE
FLASKS OF THE STUFF
IN CASE IT COMES TO.
LET'S GET A CLOSER
LOOK AT "SLEEPING
BEAUTY."



WATCH OUT!
THOSE ALIENS
MADE PRETTY
PUNK
SLEEPING
PILLS!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! IT'S
THE SAME FORMULA THEY USED!
WELL, HERE GOES ANOTHER DOSE!



GOT HIM AGAIN! BUT
THAT'S STILL NOT THE
ANSWER! HOW WAS
IT KNOCKED OUT LONG
ENOUGH TO BE DRAGGED
OFF TO THE MOON?

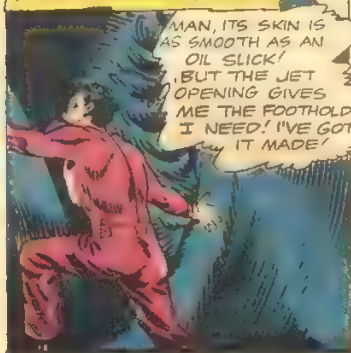
MAYBE THEY
SHOVED AN
ETHER MASK
RIGHT OVER
ITS FACE!
HA-HA-HA!

HEY! THAT'S
NO JOKE!
THE GAS
WAS
DISSIPATED
IN THE AIR!
THE ALIENS
MUST'VE
F'ED IT,
SOMEHOW!

MAN, I'VE GOT JUST
THE WAY--I'LL GET
ABOARD WHILE IT'S
STILL K.O'D AND
DROP A FLASK
RIGHT IN ITS BIG,
UGLY MOUTH!



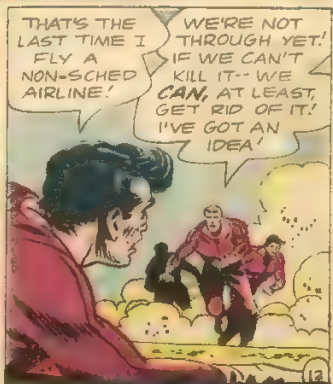
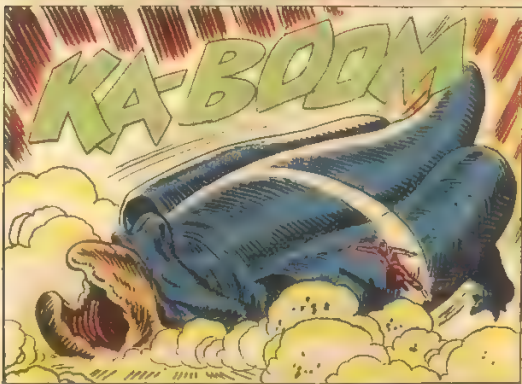
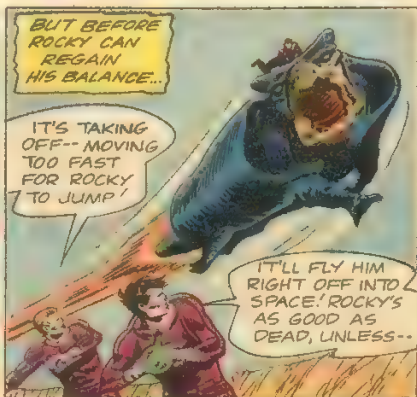
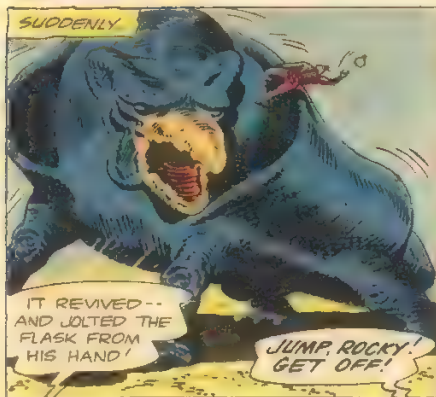
A FEW MINUTES LATER...



MAN, ITS SKIN IS
AS SMOOTH AS AN
OIL SLICK!
BUT THE JET
OPENING GIVES
ME THE FOOTHOLD
I NEED! I'VE GOT
IT MADE!



SO FAR--SO GOOD! NOW ALL
I'VE GOT TO DO IS DROP IT
INSIDE AND SING A
LULLABY!



AFTER MAKING MORE OF THE GAS TO
KEEP THE BEAST IN CONSTANT SLEEP,
THE CHALLENGERS TRANSPORT IT DAYS
LATER, TO A ROCKET BASE...

THE ALIENS
PUT THE BEAST
TO SLEEP,
THEN BURIED
IT INSIDE THE
MOON! THAT
MEANS THEY
KNOW IT WOULD
NEVER BE
REVIVED
IF IT WASN'T
EXPOSED
AGAIN! SO
THE BEAST
IS BEING
SEALED
INSIDE THAT
CAPSULE...

ONE THING
STILL THROWS
ME! HOW COME
THE ALIENS DIDN'T
BURY IT HERE
INSTEAD OF
DRAGGING IT TO
THE
MOON?

...TO BECOME
THE LARGEST
PAYLOAD EVER
SHOT INTO SPACE!
IF THE "PACKAGE" IS
NEVER OPENED, THE
BEAST WILL SLEEP
FOREVER!

WHOOSH

THEY
MUSTVE
FIGURED
OUR WORLD
WOULD HAVE
INTELLIGENT
LIFE ONE DAY...
SO THEY
WANTED TO
LEAVE IT THE
WAY THEY
FOUND IT!

NEWEST HIT in DC's HALL of FAME: The DOOM PATROL!

REBORN OUT
OF DISASTER, THEY
LIVED AGAIN TO
FORM A
LEGION OF THE WORLD'S
STRANGEST HEROES...

IN THE
SPECTACULAR
PAGES OF... **GREATEST
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ON SALE EVERYWHERE... OCT 17th

CHALLENGERS' MAIL CHUTE

Dear Editor: Every *Challenger* issue proves to be better than its predecessor, and what I especially like are the unique and surprising endings. One thing you prove for sure—especially in that excellent story, "The Challengers Meet Their Master"—is that no one can beat a *Challenger*, except another *Challenger*, as Rocky said. You've inspired me to start a Challenger Fan Club.

Steve Tamerius, Fairbury, Nebr.
Glad to have you aboard, too, Steve. Seems that Challenger Fan Clubs are popping up all over!
* * *

Dear Editor: Every once in a while, occasion arises for our team to be given orders, direction, or to be led. How come Ace always seems to take it on his own to become the leader?

Hal Esterbrook, Los Angeles
Sometimes, the job naturally falls to Ace, then again, Prof often takes over. But it's the team that counts in the final analysis.
* * *

CHIT-CHAT FROM THE MAIL CHUTE: Lee Finch writes from Lubbock, Tex., that he likes the idea of starting the story with the Splash on the first page as demonstrated with Raymond the Robot but disagrees with fellow fans' suggestions that we give our boys ESP powers. . . . And another Texan, Paul Feola of San Antonio, contributes an item, which, he claims, most people don't know: Mt. Chimborazo in South America is the highest mountain in the world, 2½ miles higher than Everest! Yet, how come Everest claims the distinction of being the world's tallest? The height of a mountain is calculated from sea level, but this isn't the same all over the world. In the latitude of Chimborazo, it is 3½ miles higher than sea level in the region of the Himalayas and Mt. Everest! (You may have a point, Paul, but all records state that Chimborazo is 20,498 feet high and Everest 29,140 feet.)

Ned Moren, Jr., basking in the Largo, Fla., sun looks forward to more stories that include Cosmo, the *Challengers'* space pet. So does Kenneth Cummings of Carrollton, Ala. . . . Ray Cardinal of Oak Lawn, Ill., couldn't contain himself and had to announce that the issue featuring the villainous Jacquard and the Trojan Robot was the best yet! He also expressed a dislike for June, and hoped we'd try to continue to make the plots realistic. . . . Another request for an autographed photo from Kathleen Wrye of Tacoma, Wash. To

which we reply, when they're available, one will be sent to you. Artist Bob Brown has been asked to prepare the artwork.

Tom Tharrington of Destin, Fla., submits a sketch of a new character he'd like to introduce, Dan Carson, the 5th Challenger, along with some excellent interpretations of Superman and other comic personalities. . . . Another artist who offers his work is Michael Kleker, Chicago, who prefers mechanical work: sketches of a sky-mobile, land-rover and sub-mobile. . . . A page of interesting comments from that old reliable letter-writer Harley Standridge of Temple, Okla. . . . An explanation is due readers who noticed that "The Challenger Who Quit" did not appear in No. 32. It was withdrawn in favor of another story because it was good enough to be developed into a longer script. Can any of you readers guess who that *Challenger* will be? . . . "I need help!" appeals Alden Patnode, 1011 Butternut St., Syracuse 8, N. Y. "I need *CHALLENGERS* Nos. 1 through 10, 12, 14, 16, 23, and 27, also all of their *Showcase* appearances. Will any kind fan part with these back issues, so I can complete my collection?"
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Dear Editor: With the *Challengers* always confronted by such enormous tasks and meeting up with such horrendous villains, don't they ever cross paths with normal people? What, for instance, would happen if they became involved with a Hollywood movie star?

Joyce Bancroft, Huntington, N. Y.
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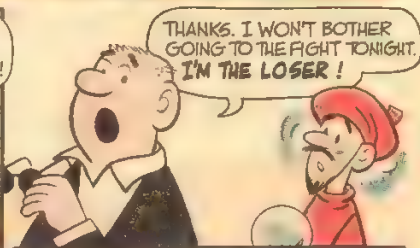
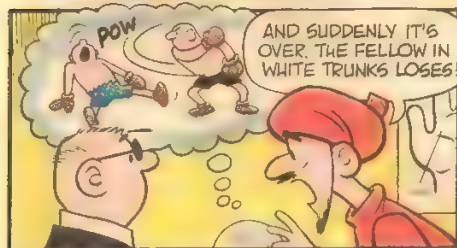
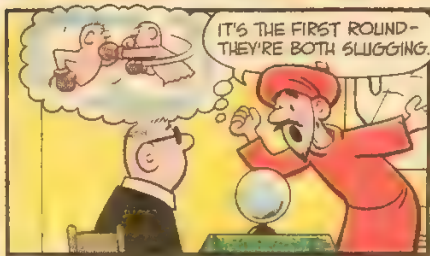
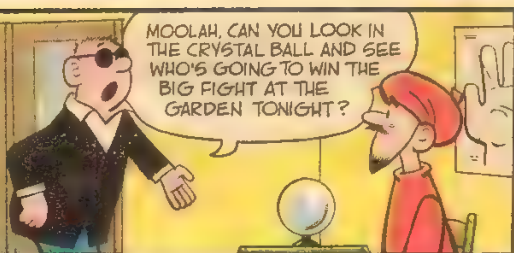
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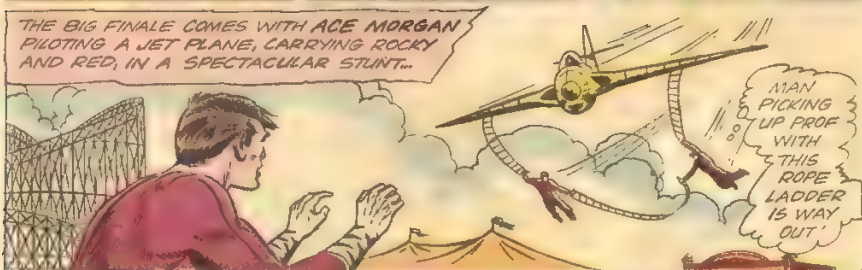
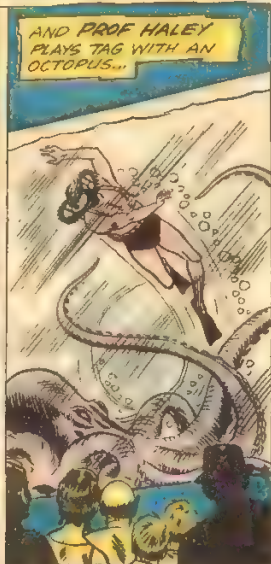
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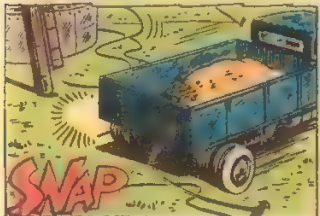
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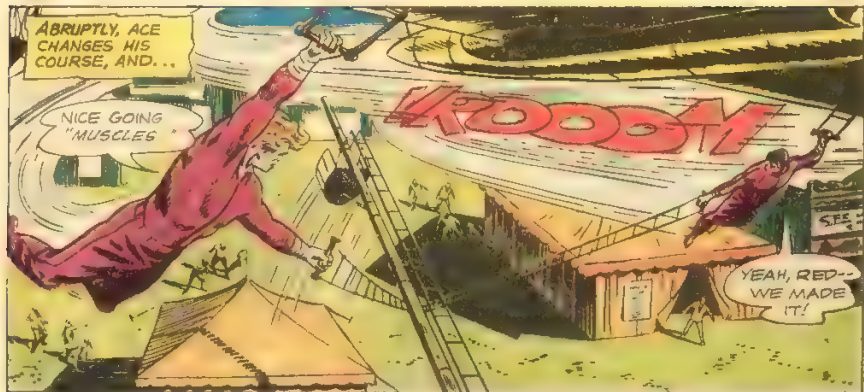


BUT AT THAT INSTANT, A TRUCK
ACCIDENTALLY BACKS INTO A
GUY WIRE WHICH SUPPORTS
A HIGH-DIVING PLATFORM...

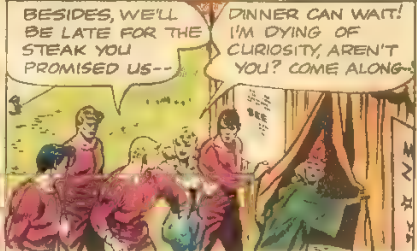
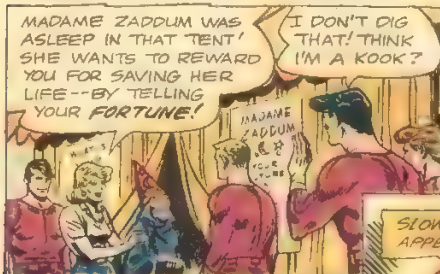


FROM ABOVE, IN THE
ROARING JET, ACE'S
HAWK EYE SPOTS THE
IMPENDING DANGER...

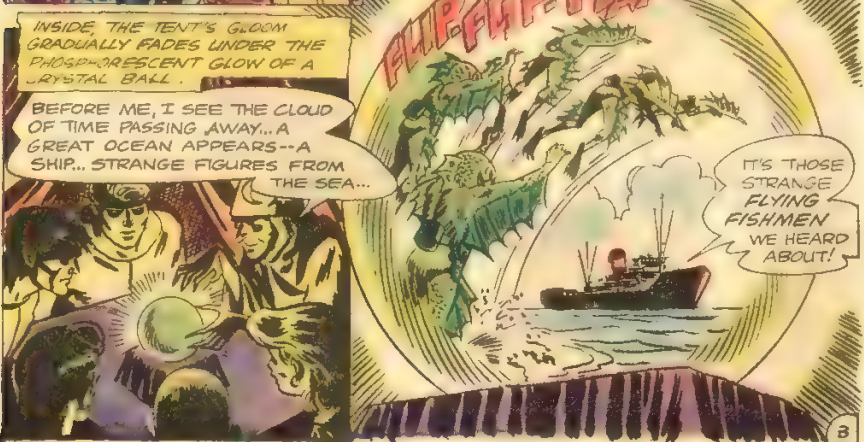




AFTER THE UNSCHEDULED, EYE-FILLING FEAT, THE CHALLENGERS LAND, JOINED BY JUNE ROBBINS, HONORARY TEAM MEMBER...

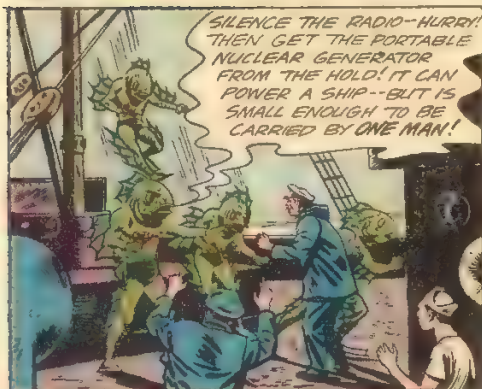


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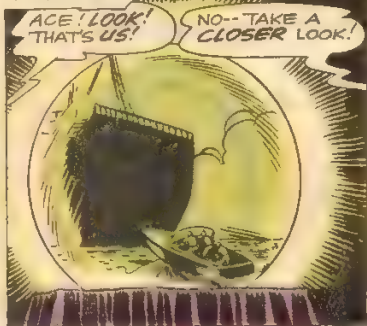


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SILENCE THE RADIO--HURRY!
THEN GET THE PORTABLE
NUCLEAR GENERATOR
FROM THE HOLD! IT CAN
POWER A SHIP--BUT IS
SMALL ENOUGH TO BE
CARRIED BY ONE MAN!

BUT THREE FIGURES HAVE PICKED
UP THE S.O.S AND SPEED TO THE
RESCUE...



ACE! LOOK!
THAT'S US!

NO-- TAKE A
CLOSER LOOK!



UNSEEN, THE THREE BOARD
THE SHIP, AND...

ALL RIGHT--
HIT 'EM!

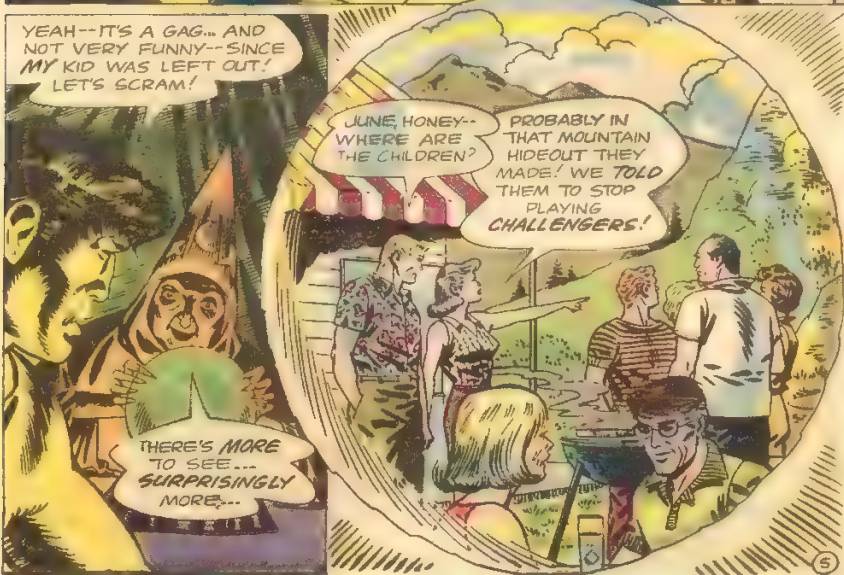
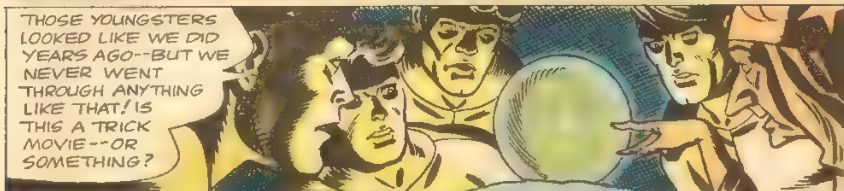
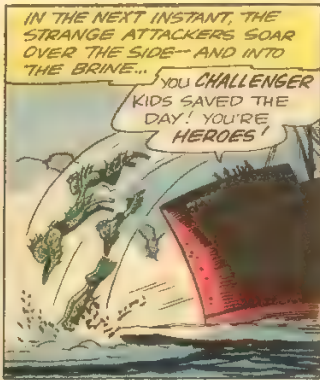
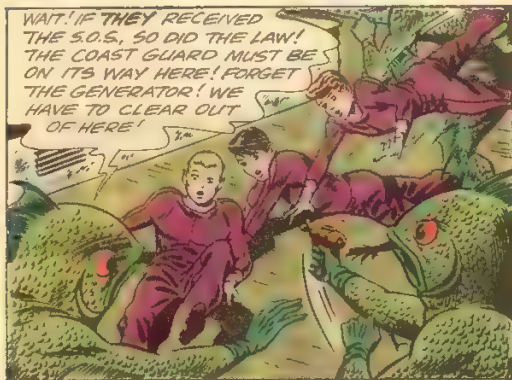


YOWEE! LIKE RIDIN'
A WILD BRONC!

SHAKE THEM
LOOSE--
BLAST THEM!

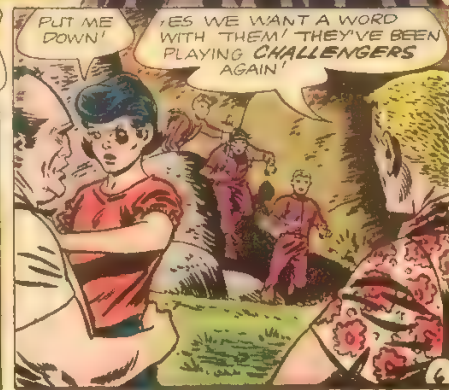
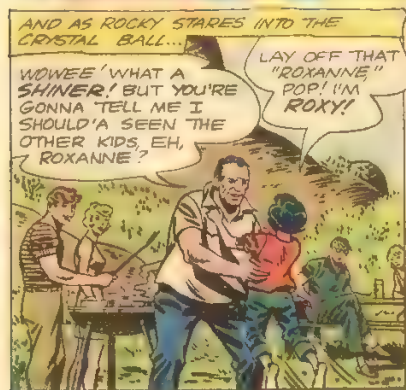
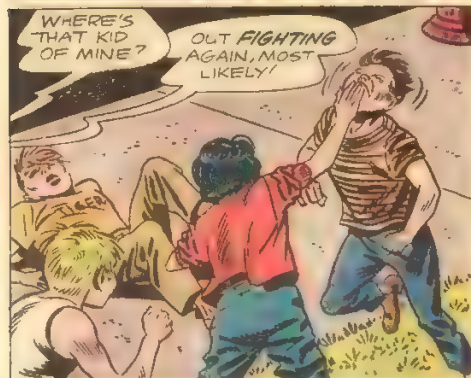
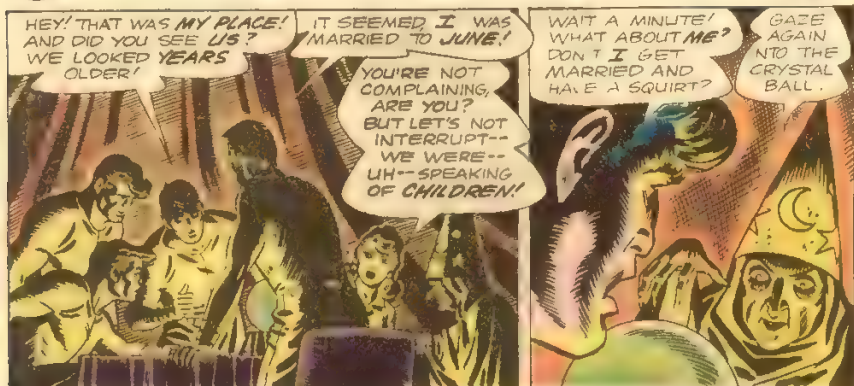


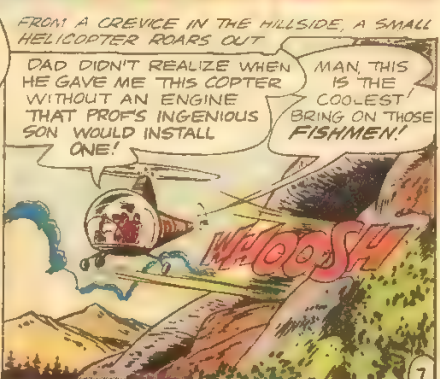
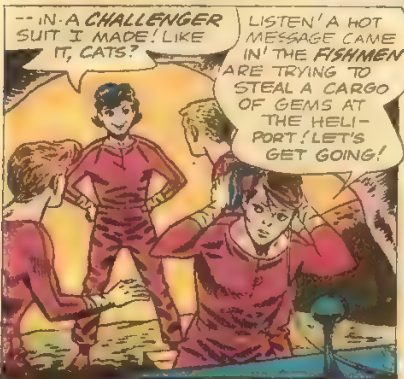
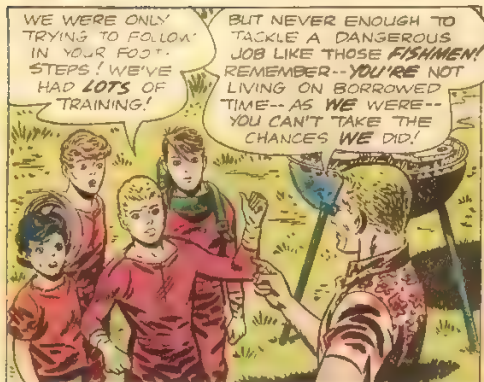
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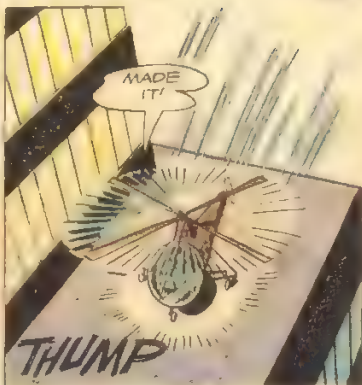
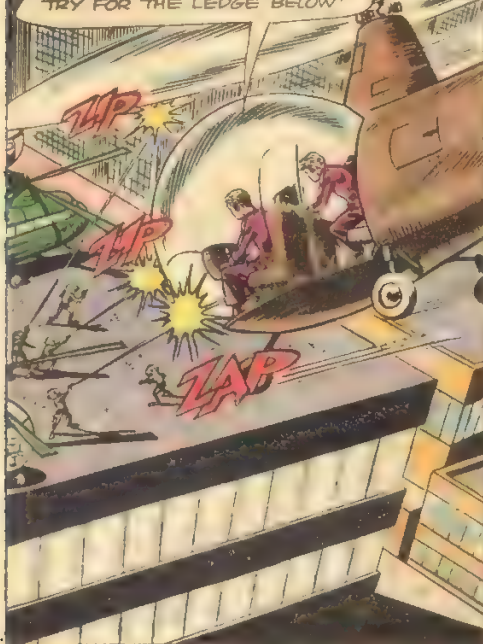


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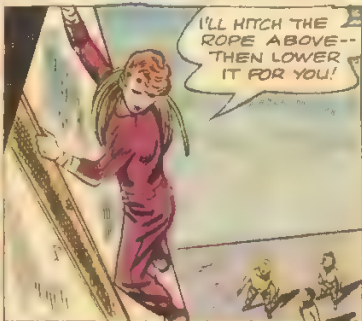


ARRIVING AT THE HELIPORT, YOUNG AGE TRIES FOR A LANDING, BUT...

WE CAN'T LAND! THEY'RE FIRING SOME KIND OF ENERGY BULLETS AT US! GOT TO TRY FOR THE LEDGE BELOW!



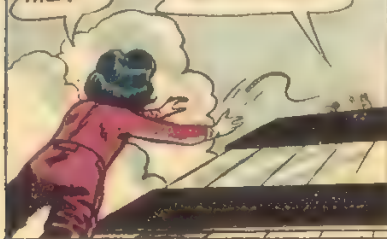
EMULATING HIS DARING FATHER YOUNG RED BEGINS A DANGEROUS ASCENT UP THE SHEER WALL



THEN AS THE SONS OF THE CHALLENGERS FOLLOW...

WAIT A MINUTE-- WHAT ABOUT ME?

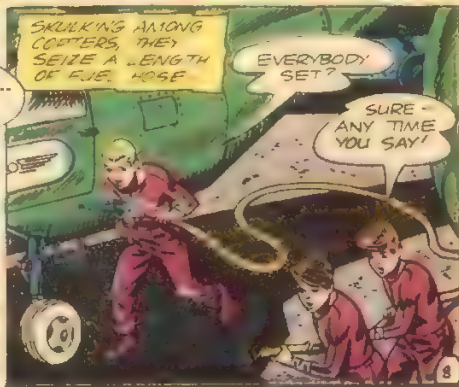
YOU'RE ONLY AN HONORARY CHALLENGER-- AND SHOULD STAY OUT OF TROUBLE! SEE YOU LATER...



SKULKING AMONG COYOTERS, THEY SEIZE A LENGTH OF FIRE HOSE

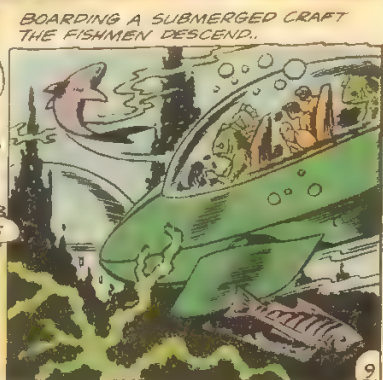
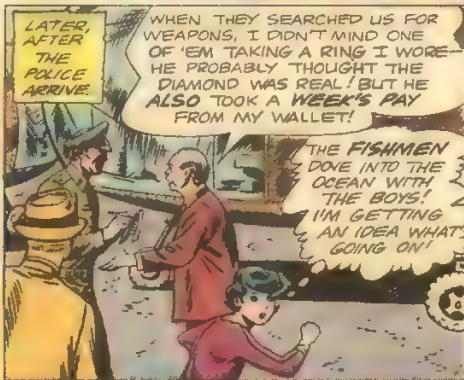
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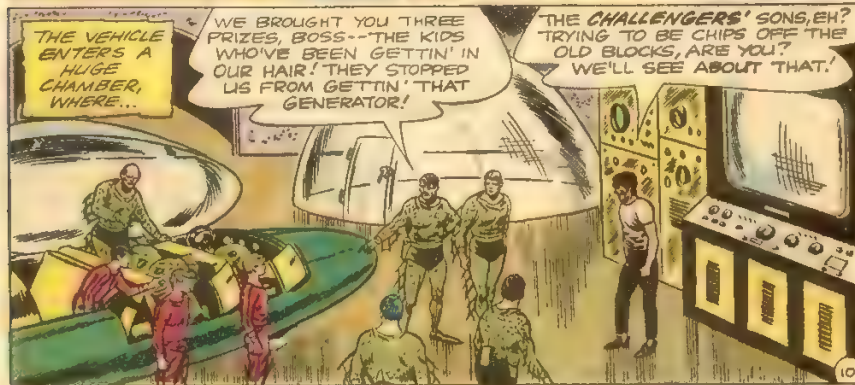
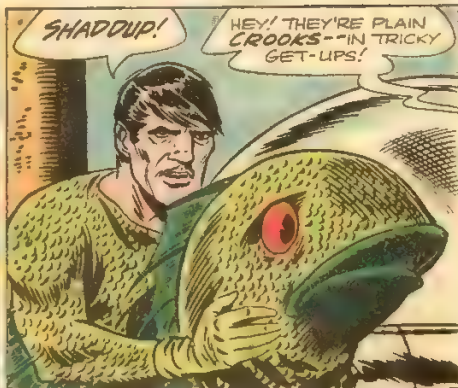
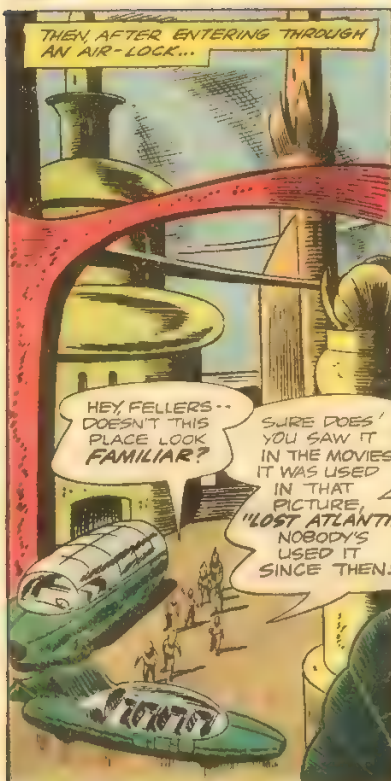
SURE-- ANY TIME YOU SAY!





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WE CAN USE THESE KIDS!
WE'LL TAKE 'EM ALONG ON
OUR RAIDS--AS **HOSTAGES!**
NOBODY'LL DARE TO FIRE
AT US--BECAUSE THEY
MIGHT HIT 'EM! **LOCK
'EM UP!**



LATER...

IT'D TAKE A
SLEDGE
HAMMER TO
BREAK THIS
GLASS!



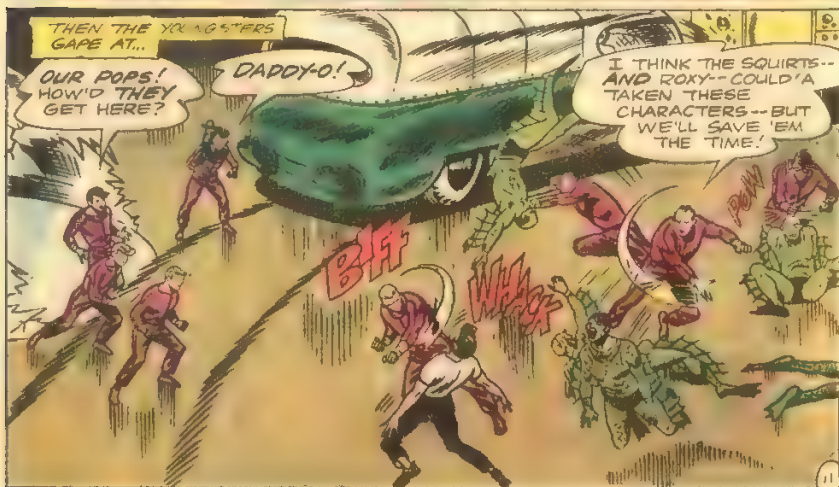
IF WE EVER
COME OUT
OF THIS,
OUR DADS'LL
SKIN US
ALIVE FOR
GETTING
INTO SUCH
A MESS!



GONG-GONG-GONG

THE **ALARM!**
SOMEONE
CAME THROUGH
THE AIR-LOCK!
DON'T TELL
ME YOU
WERE
FOLLOWED!

NOT A
CHANCE,
BOSS!
WE'LL
GET OUT
THERE AND
SEE WHAT'S
UP!



A FEW PUNCHES LATER...

I THOUGHT MAYBE A FISHMAN MIGHT HAVE A USE FOR A DIAMOND--BUT NOT ORDINARY MONEY! SO I FIGURED THEY WERE JUST CROOKS, MAKING BELIEVE...

I WONDERED HOW THEY COULD LIVE UNDER THE SEA, UNTIL I REMEMBERED THIS MOVIE SET, AND FIGURED THEY MUST BE HERE! SO I GOT SOME SKIN-DIVING GEAR FROM OUR CAVE--AND, WELL, HERE I AM!

WE SPOTTED HER LEAVING THE CAVE-- AND FOLLOWED HER... CHASING AFTER THE VEHICLE SHE DROVE-- AND ARRIVED FOR THE SHOWDOWN!

SUDDENLY, THE SCENE IN THE CRYSTAL BALL FADES AWAY...

HEY! DID'JA SEE MY LITTLE COOKIE? SHE'S A FIGHTIN' GENIUS!

ROCKY! YOU SOUND LIKE YOU BELIEVE WHAT WE JUST SAW! IT WAS HYPNOSIS-- OR SOMETHING! IT HAD TO BE!

YOU MIGHT THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU SAW--OVER YOUR CHICKEN DINNER TONIGHT!

AHA! THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE YOU, MADAME ZADDUM! JUNE ORDERED STEAK! YOU COULDN'T EVEN FORESEE THAT!

BUT ARRIVING AT JUNE'S...

A NOTE FROM THE BUTCHER! HE WAS OUT OF STEAK-- SO HE SENT CHICKEN!

WELL THE SONS--AND DAUGHTER--OF THE CHALLENGERS REALLY TAKE OVER SOME DAY? ONLY TIME WILL TELL! MEANWHILE, LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE ANOTHER SNEAK PREVIEW OF THEIR EXCITING ADVENTURES!

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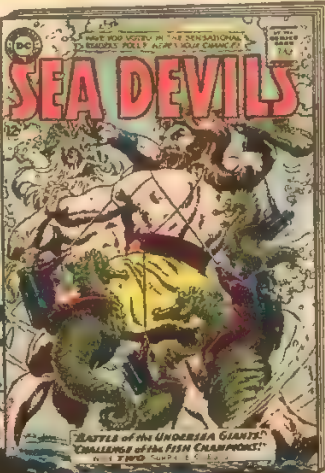
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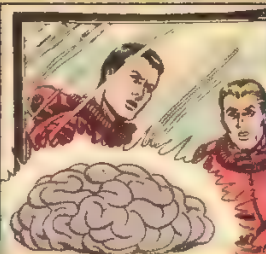
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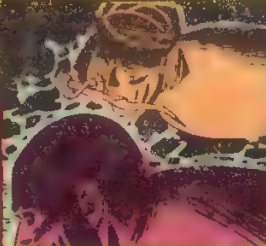
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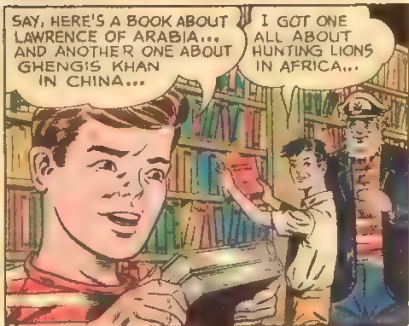
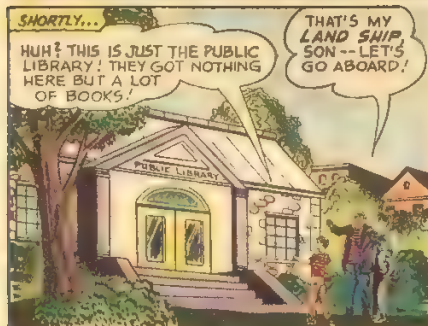
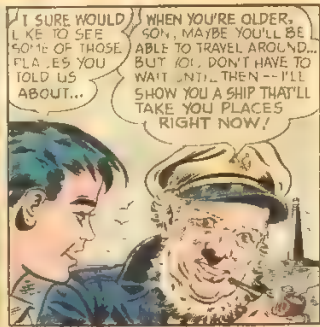
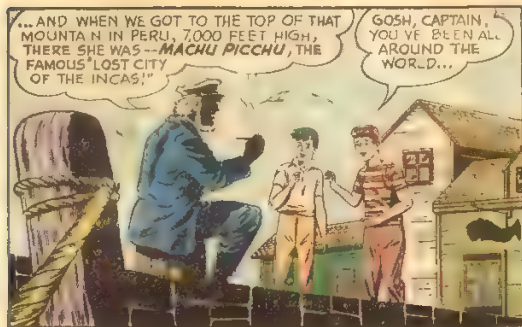
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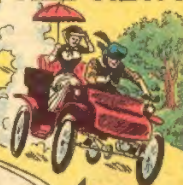


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☐ Special! Complete game and 132 extra toys
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Simple directions etc. for 2 or 4
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game(s) for which I am enclosing \$1.00 plus 25c
for postage and handling for each game I have
ordered. If I am not completely satisfied I may
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CANADA: \$1.40, ENGLAND: 10/-, AUSTRALIA: 13 -
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I have done it for millions. HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS, LABORERS & EXECUTIVES, DOCTORS, LAWYERS & TEACHERS

Are YOU SKINNY
like I was?

a sickly
skeleton who
developed a
streamlined
physique and
great physical
endurance.



Ben
Rebuhn

"SCULPTOR of LIVING
MASTERPIECES"

International University Educator said
COMMANDER U.S. MEDICAL CORPS.
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Yes!
I'll Show You
By My Quick,
Easy Methods
How To:

ADD
POWERFUL
NEW INCHES OF
MUSCLES around
YOUR ARMS, CHEST,
LEGS, BACK, etc.

How to BECOME A
WINNING ATHLETE!
How to WIN FEMALE
ADMIRATION!
How to
BEAT ANY BULLY!
How to be A SUCCESS
AT EVERYTHING! etc.

Be a HERO of MEN, IDOL of WOMEN

Yes, in your home, my rapid-fire,
easy-as-abc methods start building you into a super-man the
very first night. I'll show you how to build 18-inch arms of
might, a 45-inch heroic chest housing tireless lungs; wide,
manly shoulders; broad, brawny back tapering to slender waist
with punch-proof stomach muscles, legs of endless endurance.
I'll stake my 20 years' reputation, as "greatest builder of he-
men", on the amazing results I get for YOU. I sign my name to
seal this promise.

Sincerely Yours, *Ben Rebuhn*

LET ME SHOW YOU FREE HOW TO DEVELOP

SPACEMAN STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE

SKINNY or FAT, 15, 20, 30, 40

or more YEARS OF AGE RUSH me your LAST CHANCE COUPON
below with YOUR NAME and ADDRESS.

I'll show YOU absolutely FREE

How to GAIN up to 50 lbs. of
MIGHTY MUSCLES!

or LOSE up to 50 LBS. of UGLY DANGEROUS FAT
And become A REAL HE-MAN like MANY THOUSANDS of my pupils in a
few minutes FUN a day.

WHICH OF MY 181,000 PUPILS WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

I GAINED
60 LBS.
OF SHAPELY
MIGHTY
MUSCLES

This
Can Be
YOU in a
Short
Time!

BEFORE

Mailing
Coupon
I was a
125 lb.
6 ft.
skinny
weakling

soys JOHN SILL

I added 7 inches to
MY CHEST, 3 1/2 IN-
CHES to EACH ARM.
No, Pal! You don't
have to be a chick-
en-chested skinny
weakling like I was
only a few weeks
ago.

AFTER

Mailing
Coupon
185 lb.
HEAD-TO-
TOE HE-MAN
POPULAR
ATHLETE.
You can
be, too!

"I LOST 30 LBS.
OF DANGEROUS
UGLY FAT

4 INCHES
OFF
MY
WAIST!"

soys Felipe Mendez

Which of these
2 ME's is YOU?

"That 220 lb. FAT-BOY
was ME a few weeks
ago!" Look at him NOW!
I gave him MIGHTY MUS-
CLES, added 7 inches to
his CHEST, 3 inches on
each arm!
No! I don't care how fat
and fatty you are. All
I want is minutes a day
in your home to make
you over by the same
method.

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GREAT NECK, NEW YORK

Please do NOT send coupon if you are
less than 14 years old.

LAST CHANCE TO GET
ALL FREE!



a space-man
FULCRUM
BAR-BELL
a pair of
space-man
LEVER BELLS
FREE!

SAVES YOU HUNDREDS
OF DOLLARS IN HEAVY,
COSTLY APPARATUS.



Dear Ben,

RUSH me absolutely FREE these 5 world-famous, picture-packed
Test Courses included inside your PHOTO BOOK of Famous Strong
Men once weak like me. Millions sold for \$9. each.

☐ I'm enclosing a dime for shipping and handling these 5 Courses
to me FREE.

Also let me know how to get FREE Lever and Fulcrum Bells and
FREE Courses on Sports, Self-Defense, Stunts, etc.

Name _____ age _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

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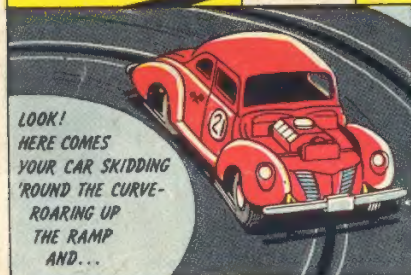
How do YOU
look walking
on the beach
with your
girl or wife?



Tony
Pascarella
AFTER

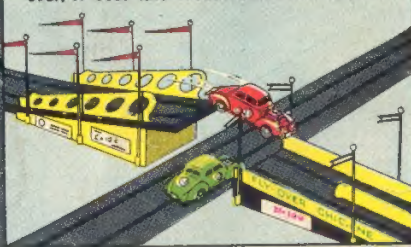
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WITH GILBERT **AUTO-RAMA** - FEATURING
THE SPECTACULAR NEW

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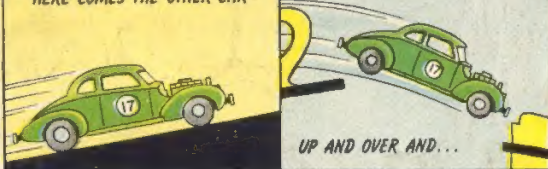


LOOK!
HERE COMES
YOUR CAR SKIDDING
'ROUND THE CURVE-
ROARING UP
THE RAMP
AND...

OVER IT GOES AND SPEEDS DOWN THE TRACK!

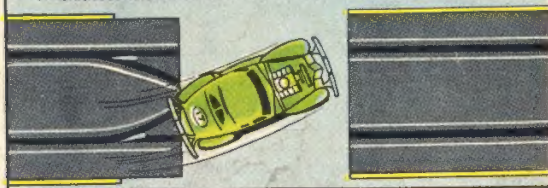


HERE COMES THE OTHER CAR



UP AND OVER AND...

IT CHANGES LANES IN MID AIR! YOU CONTROL THE DIRECTION...



ASK FOR THE
SET WITH
THE
FLY-OVER
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